



# Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### **CHANCE FOR GROUPS IN CASTLE HILL TO BE PART OF 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SENIORS FESTIVAL**

The call is out for organisations to help fill a calendar of engaging and empowering activities for older people during the 2023 NSW Seniors Festival.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the \$200,000 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program supports initiatives that encourage people aged 60 or over to stay healthy, connected to their community and active.

“This is an opportunity to celebrate or build on the diverse skills and interests of seniors in our community in areas like art, sport, health or technology,” Mr Williams said.

“This year’s Seniors Festival included computer classes, dance lessons and gardening workshops, and I want to see local groups come up with more creative and fun activities for the 2023 festival.”

Local councils, community groups and not-for-profit organisations are among those who can apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

“The Seniors Festival is an opportunity for all seniors in our community to be active, connected and social—no matter their location, language or ability level,” Mr Williams added.

Minister for Seniors Mark Coure said the NSW Seniors Festival is the largest event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and has been running for more than 60 years

“These grants reinforce the NSW Government’s commitment to helping older people in NSW stay connected with their community as outlined in the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021–2031.”

The Seniors Festival will run from 1 – 12 February 2023. Applications for grants are open now until 1 August 2022.

For more information and to apply, visit [seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/events/nsw-seniors-festival-grants](https://seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/events/nsw-seniors-festival-grants)

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